

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A communication apparatus for transferring data from a first network to a second network, the apparatus comprising:

first discrimination means for discriminating if the received data is a confidential data;

second discrimination means for discriminating if the terminal of an address of the received data corresponds to a stored address;

~~control~~ selection means for ~~controlling to provide said terminal with~~ selecting a method of transferring the received data by using either from a method of transferring the received data attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for access to the stored received data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination by said first discrimination means and said second discrimination means; and

control means for controlling to transfer the received data by using the method selected by said selection means.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled):

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
management means for managing encryption information correlated to said terminal; and
third discrimination means for discriminating if the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed by said management means,

wherein said control means controls a method of providing said terminal with the received

data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
management means for managing encryption information and an effective period of the encryption information correlated to said terminal; and
third discrimination means for discriminating if the encryption information and the effective period of the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed by said management means,
wherein said control means controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A communication method of transferring data from a first network to a second network, the method comprising:

first discrimination step of discriminating if the received data is a confidential data;
second discrimination step of discriminating if the terminal of an address of the received data corresponds to a stored address;

~~control~~ selection step of ~~controlling to provide said terminal with~~ selecting a method of
transferring the received data by using either from a method of transferring the received data attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for access to the stored received data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination in said first discrimination step and said second discrimination step; and

control step of controlling to transfer the received data by using the method selected in said selection step.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A computer readable memory medium storing a program of a communication method of transferring data from a first network to a second network, the program comprising:

first discrimination step of discriminating if the received data is a confidential data;

second discrimination step of discriminating if the terminal of an address of the received data corresponds to a stored address;

~~control selection step of controlling to provide said terminal with~~ selecting a method of transferring the received data by using either from a method of transferring the received data attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for access to the stored received data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination in said first discrimination step and said second discrimination step; and

control step of controlling to transfer the received data by using the method selected in said selection step.

Claims 11-20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 9, further comprising:
management step of managing encryption information correlated to said terminal; and
third discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, further comprising: management step of managing encryption information and an effective period of the encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

third discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information and the effective period of the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) A computer readable memory medium according to claim 10, further comprising:

management step of managing encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

third discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) A computer readable memory medium according to claim 10, further comprising:

management step of managing encryption information and an effective period of the encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

third discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information and the effective

period of the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.